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AN OFFICER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WHO IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH TRANSKEIN MATTERS TOLD EMBOFF
APRIL 17 THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WAS TAKEN COMPLETELY
BY SURPRISE BY CHIEF MATANZIMA'S DECISION TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WHILE MATANZIMA HAD MADE
REPEATED BELLIGERENT NOISES, THE OFFICIAL SAID, THE SAG HAD NOT
TAKEN THESE SERIOUSLY. DFA WAS PARTICULARLY SURPRISED SINCE IT
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